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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--31 ~~SEPTEMBER~~ ^{AUGUST} 1963

1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THE DIEM/NHU REGIME IS BUSILY TRYING TO SHARPEN UP ITS DESIRED IMAGE AS A UNITED NATION.

B. "SPONTANEOUS" MASS RALLIES WERE STAGED TODAY IN SAIGON AND OTHER CITIES TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND ARMED FORCES ENJOY BROAD POPULAR SUPPORT. AMBASSADOR LODGE REPORTS THAT THE SAIGON DEMONSTRATION WAS ATTENDED BY A WELL-ORGANIZED BUT APATHETIC CROWD.

C. THE ARMY HAS ALSO CHIPPED IN. GENERAL DINH, THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF SAIGON, HAS PUBLICLY DENIED THAT DISSIDENCE EXISTS IN THE ARMED FORCES. THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP TO A RECENT STATEMENT FROM THE GENERAL STAFF ACCEPTING FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MARTIAL LAW.

D. REGIME PUBLICISTS ARE MAKING MUCH OF THE RELEASE OF THE MAJORITY OF RECENTLY ARRESTED STUDENTS AND BUDDHISTS AND OF THE MEETING BETWEEN DIEM AND THE "TRUE" BUDDHIST LEADERS.

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2. MALAYSIA:

A. A BRITISH-INDONESIAN COMPROMISE ON THE OBSERVER ISSUE HAS BEEN REACHED AND, ACCORDING TO REPORTS THIS MORNING, A TEAM OF EIGHT INDONESIAN OBSERVERS IS ON ITS WAY TO NORTHERN BORNEO.

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3. BOLIVIA:

A. THE BOLIVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IS ENDEAVORING TO DISRUPT THE STILL FRAGILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TIN MINERS TO END THEIR COSTLY STRIKE.

B. THE COMMUNISTS, STUNG BY THE ARREST OF SEVERAL PARTY MEMBERS, ARE AGITATING FOR A SERIES OF SYMPATHY STRIKES BY WHICH OTHER WORKERS WILL SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE TIN MINERS.

C. IF THE PARTY SUCCEEDS, THE LEADERS OF THE TIN MINERS' UNION WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO KEEP THEIR FOLLOWERS IN LINE.

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4. JORDAN:

A. KING HUSAYN HAS HINTED THAT JORDAN'S PARLOUS FINANCIAL STATE MAY DRIVE HIM TO SEEK SOVIET SUPPORT.

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C. HE DOUBTLESS HOPES THAT THE THREAT OF AN APPEAL TO THE SOVIETS WILL STIMULATE THE US TO STEP UP ITS BUDGETARY SUPPORT, NOW AT \$35 MILLION A YEAR.

5. USSR:

A. WE SEE SIGNS THAT THE USSR MAY BE PREPARING TO PUT NUCLEAR SUBMARINES ON LONG-RANGE PATROL IN THE PACIFIC.

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6. NOTES:

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B. CUBA-BRAZIL: CHARTERED CUBANA FLIGHTS BETWEEN HAVANA AND VARIOUS POINTS IN BRAZIL HAVE BECOME A MAJOR MEANS OF MOVING LATIN AMERICANS TO AND FROM CUBA.

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C. BRAZIL-USSR: [REDACTED] BRAZILIANS WHO LEFT RIO DE JANEIRO [REDACTED] MAY BE GOING TO MOSCOW TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN GUERRILLA WARFARE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAD DECIDED TO SEND SOME 30 BRAZILIANS TO THE USSR FOR SUCH TRAINING. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE PARTY HAS COUNTINGENCY PLANS FOR A PROGRAM OF RURAL AGITATION STARTING EARLY NEXT YEAR AND IS LOOKING AROUND FOR LIKELY AREAS IN WHICH TO CONDUCT GUERRILLA OPERATIONS.

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D. INDONESIA-COMMUNIST CHINA:

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E. USSR-YUGOSLAVIA: KHRUSHCHEV'S PROGRESS THROUGH YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN MARKED BY SIGNS THAT SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE TOWARD THE RESOLUTION OF SOVIET-YUGOSLAV DIFFERENCES. WITH AN EYE COCKED TOWARD PEIPING, BOTH KHRUSHCHEV AND TITO HAVE BEEN LABORING THE IDEA OF CLOSE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. TITO HAS ALSO REMARKED THAT THE "DYNAMIC" EXPANSION OF SOVIET-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC RELATIONS "SHOULD COMPENSATE FOR WHAT HAS BEEN OMITTED IN THE PAST."

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